



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title: Configurable Metrology Device that Operates in Reflectance Mode, Transmittance Mode, or Mixed Mode  
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Commissioner For Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir or Madam:

This Response to Office Action is responsive to the September 11, 2003, Office Action, which has a statutorily shortened period for response that ends December 11, 2003. Please enter the following amendments before taking action on the merits of the above-referenced application.

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